

DD/R - ORGANIZATION

SECRET/[REDACTED]

1 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with the DCI on Deputy Director (Research), 1 October 1962

1. The DCI opened the subject by saying he was seeing Scoville later this morning and that he was still not convinced that the present organizational set up was correct. I told him that the matter had been studied over a considerable period of time and that the logical organization left OSI in the DDI area and TSD in the DD/P. He said that he was still not convinced. He said that he thought the Soviets were consistently beating us in the scientific and technical field, and that he was convinced that scientific and technical collection would surpass that by agents. He went on to say that in his lengthy experience in engineering and scientific fields he had never seen an organizational set up like the one we now have which was successful.

2. He then asked the status of the Advisory Council which he wanted to have set up. I told him that I had tried on several occasions to get Scoville to take action to set this up, but that I consistently got the response that inasmuch as he did not have either OSI or TSD under him, that he saw little purpose in setting up such a Council. I told him that consequently I had asked [REDACTED] to take over this action and that I hoped very shortly we would be able to submit to him for his approval candidates for such a Council which would work with Scoville as a top level scientific council. I noted that this would supersede the DeFlores group and would be the top level body in the Agency.

3. The DCI then said that he felt our whole scientific effort was both unimaginative and not sufficiently aggressive and did not make its weight felt in the government. He cited the fact that it was [REDACTED] who acted on reestablishing the [REDACTED] to evaluate the Soviet tests, and felt that this was a job we should have done and that we should have taken the initiative.

4. He went on to say that in the entire time that he had been Director he had never had either Helms or Cline raise scientific or technical matters. He said that in fact the only senior officer that had discussed such items with him (aside from Scoville, I assume) was Sheldon, who had talked to him about COMINT and ELINT matters. He said that he felt our whole effort was very dissipated, that [REDACTED] was floating around in it, that there was a GMAIC and a JAEIC, and he did not understand where they got their guidance. I said that I assumed Wheelon, who was Chairman of GMAIC, got his guidance from Cline, and that Chamberlain, as head of JAEIC, got his guidance from Wheelon, and, where appropriate, Scoville. He reiterated that he did not think Cline paid much attention to scientific and technical matters.

5. I asked whether he had seen any improvements or changes for the better and he said that he had not and that I had not changed his views and he had been telling me these same things since January. I said that in view of the fact that he was meeting with Scoville this morning that I hoped these organizational ~~next~~ issues would not be matters to be discussed, noting that Scoville had made no mention to either the DCI or myself of leaving the Agency, but that

this did not necessarily ~~mean~~ signify his present feelings, because he had not in the past talked to either of us on this subject. The DCI said he did not care whether it was Scoville or who headed DD/R, just so the place was organized properly and the job done correctly. He said he had no intention of discussing it with Scoville, but that he thought he should sit down with General Carter and myself and thrash the entire matter out. I told him that I found his views on feeling that the Agency still wasn't performing satisfactorily in the scientific and technical fields far more convincing than any of the jurisdictional arguments put out by Scoville. He said he would like to poll the Executive Committee and determine why each of them felt that this organization was satisfactory. I noted that there was no Executive Committee meeting today. He said he had no intention of conducting such a poll because it was General Carter's responsibility to run the Agency.

/s/ Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

1 October 1962

DCI McCone in conversation with Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Executive Director, expressed his dissatisfaction with the ~~whole~~ scientific effort of CIA, saying that it was unimaginative and not sufficiently aggressive, and did not make its weight felt in the government. ~~He cited the fact that a White House~~

scientific intelligence

He felt that the whole/effort was very dissipated throughout the Intelligence Community, and ~~was not clear to him from whom~~ ~~the main thrust of the effort was~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~he~~ said ~~he~~ was not clear to him from whom ~~how~~ USIB's Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) and Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) received their guidance.